

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Office Action of July 13, 2005, 2005. Accompanying this Amendment is a one month extension of time with requisite fee.


In the Office Action dependent claims 2, 3, 6-8, 11, 13-15 and 18 were noted as continuing allowable subject matter. In the present amendment objected to claims 2, 3 and 14 have been rewritten as independent claims with the remaining dependent claims (not canceled in the present amendment) depending therefrom. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment and the above remarks obviate the outstanding rejection in this case, thereby placing the application in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account 02-4300; Order No. 032405.166.

Respectfully submitted,

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